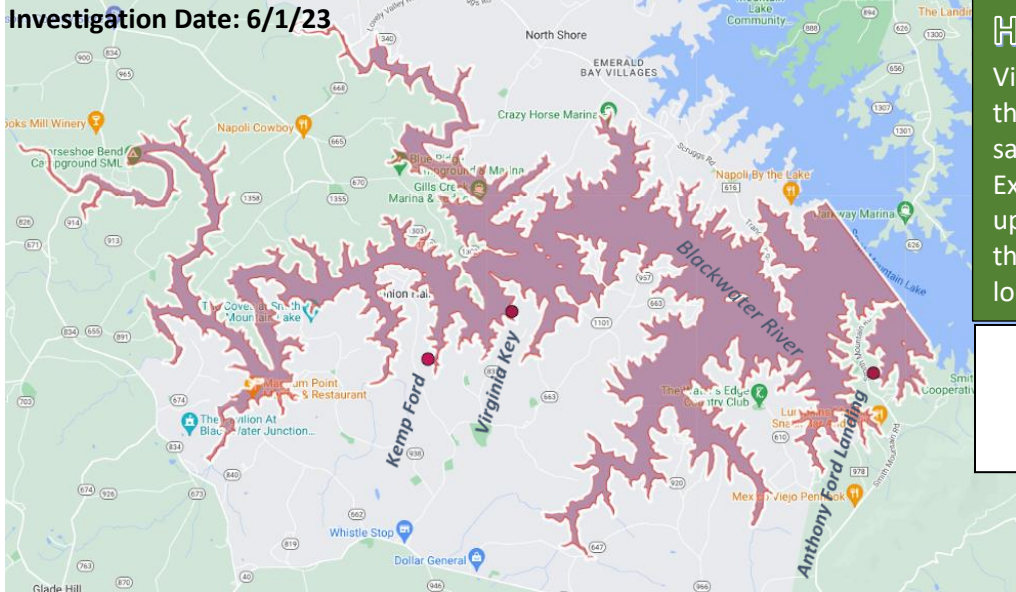


Smith Mountain Lake – Blackwater River Harmful Algae Bloom (HAB) Status Report

Issued: Tuesday 6/6/2023

Next Issue: week of 6/26/2023 (weather dependent)



Investigation Date: 6/1/23



HELPFUL TIP:

Visit www.SwimHealthyVa.com and click on the Harmful Algae Bloom Map to review sample results near you.

Expand the map using the symbol in the upper right hand map title bar, then click on the magnifying glass. You can search my location name or address.

-  Harmful algae (cyanobacteria) concentrations at unsafe levels
-  Lake area of HAB swimming advisory

Investigations at three locations on the Blackwater River arm of Smith Mountain Lake (Kemp Ford, Virginia Key, and Anthony Ford Landing) collected on 6/1/2023 have unsafe levels of algae and is under a swimming advisory (toxin results pending but will not change advisory). Boating, fishing and other low contact activities may continue with proper caution. There is no evidence of impacts to drinking water at this time. Two acceptable samples taken at least 10 days apart are required to lift advisories. The HAB map and this status report have been updated and are posted at www.SwimHealthyVa.com.

When in Doubt, Stay Out!

Avoid swimming, fishing or letting your children or pets play in bodies of water that:

- Smell bad
- Look discolored
- Have foam, scum, or algal mats on the surface

BE AWARE of Harmful Algae Blooms

Water quality is tested to determine if health risks may be present.

During an algae bloom, water may have surface scum, mats, or films with red, green, white streaks, or glops.



For more information or to report an algae bloom visit

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